Please add the following new claim 13.

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13. (New) A medicament comprising a recombinant construct or vector according to claim 4.

Remarks

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-6 and 8-13 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 6 and 8-12 have been amended. Claim 13 has been added. These claim amendments, cancellations and additions are being made solely to remove multiple claim dependencies from the claims and to place the claims in a format appropriate for U.S. prosecution.

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (203) 812-3964.

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